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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2006.2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.2b) ☐ This action is non-final.(3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.**Disposition of Claims**4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-123, 158 and 159 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-123, 158-159 is/are allowed.6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.**Application Papers**9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

  
**SAM RIMELL**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER****Attachment(s)**1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

Preliminary Note: The claim set of November 7, 2006 is not approved for entry. Since prosecution on the merits remains closed under *Ex Parte Quayle*, there is no requirement for submission of claim sets. Applicant is advised that it is not necessary to submit any claims in response to this action.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

While the abstract of November 7, 2006 is acceptable in content, a clean copy of the abstract is required (37 CFR 1.72(b)).

Applicant may alternatively submit reply by fax transmission. The telephone number for Official communications by fax is (571) 272-8300.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Sam Rimell at telephone number (571) 272-4084.



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